(d) the action being taken against the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Nirma Engineering College is affiliated to the Gujarat Unviersity and the AICTE has approved the computer engineering course being conducted by the institute with an intake of 120 students upto 2001-2002 academic session.

(b) to (d) The AICTE notified regulations fixing norms and guidelines for charging tuition fees. As per the guidelines, tuition and other fees for professional colleges are determined by state Level Fee Committees. Complaints on irregularities in charging fees, if any, need to be lodged with the state Government concerned. However, AICTE has been advised to look into the matter reported in the news-item.

Outlay for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2815. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) how the States would be participating in the scheme;

(c) how many institutions are planned to be opened in the next five years, State-wise;

(d) the funds outlay for this, State-wise; and

(e) whether the system would go through the same syllabus, as presently adopted for elementary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The objectives of SSA are as follows:

All children in school/Education Guarantee Centre/Alternate School, 'Back to School' camp by 2003;

All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007;

All children complete eight years of schooling by 2010;

Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life;

Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010;

Unviersal retention by 2010.

(b) The Central and state Governments will together implement the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in partnership with the local Governments and the community. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan envisages a long term partnership between the Centre and the State. The funds required for the plan would be shared between the Centre and states in the ratio of 85:15 for IXth plan, 75:25 for the Xth Plan and 50:50 thereafter. The States would be preparing District Elementary Education Plans (DEEPs) and they would be responsible for implementation also.

(c) Opening of new primary and upper primary schools would depend on local needs as reflected in the District Elementary Education Plans, according to the norms.

(d) For the year 2001-2002, Rs. 500 crores have been provided at the All India level for this scheme. However, State level allocation would depend on the demand projected as per norms in the District Elementary Education Plan.

(e) The syllabus in schools will be the prerogative of the State Government. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan encourages decentralization of the process of curriculum development so that local context specific issues are highlighted. It also encourages attempts to reduce the load of non-comprehension by facilitating child centred and activity based learning.